Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/07/2013

Minutes prepared by: Jon Eichten

Location: Blazing Star Room: Centennial Office Building

Attendance

Lynn Anderson – MN Management and Budget

Laurie Martinson – Dept. of Natural Resources

Richard Kolodziejski – MN Assoc. of Professional Employees

Rick King – Thomson Reuters

Spencer Cronk – Dept. of Administration

Charles Johnson – Dept. of Human Services

Mona Dohman – Dept. of Public Safety

Absent

Gary Shelton – Scott County

Decisions Made

Decision: Meeting minutes from the September 15th meeting were approved.

Agenda

Committee Housekeeping – Rick King – 10 Minutes

Consolidation Update – Carolyn Parnell– 30 Minutes

Financial Update – Ed Valencia – 30 Minutes

New Topic: Rethinking Security – Carolyn Parnell– 30 Minutes

Future Topics – Rick King – 5 Minutes

Next Meeting

Date: 06/23/2014

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Blazing Star Room; Centennial Office Building

Meeting Notes

Chair Rick King brought the meeting to order, and the agenda and minutes from the March 1 meeting were approved. The committee discussed filling the vacant seat left by the departure from state service

of Bernie Arsenau, weighing the need for a voice from another large agency, as well as the need for an additional voice from someone in charge of fiscal operations.

Commissioner Parnell then provided the committee an update on the progress of IT Consolidation, beginning with a summary of accomplishments in the two years since consolidation became law in terms of accountability, savings and cost avoidance, organizational improvement, and building a foundation for better IT services. She then discussed the planned priorities for FY14 and the continuing evolution of the MN.IT Tactical plan.

The Committee voiced support for MN.IT's efforts to encourage "dual citizenship" of employees to both MN.IT and the agency the employee directly supports, as well as voicing support for ongoing virtualization efforts that will reduce space and energy costs and allow business to focus on their core missions. The committee also discussed the unique business-IT partnership that has been critical to the success of MNsure thus far.

Deputy Commissioner Ed Valencia provided an update on the progress of financial and procurement consolidation, discussing MN.IT's plans to stage implementation of a chargeback model for agencies, beginning first with those agencies with the least complexity in terms of federal funding reliance. The committee stressed the need to move forward thoughtfully and in a detailed manner as chargeback methodologies are developed, to ensure the continued drawing down of federal dollars.

Deputy Commissioner Ed Valencia then followed up with the committee on a previous committee discussion on end-of-biennium savings, providing details on the savings that were actualized, in addition to projects that were funded through the odyssey (information and telecommunications account) fund. Lastly, the committee discussed the projects that were newly funded in the FY14-15 biennium that now constitute MN.IT's BIT (Biennial Information Technology projects) portfolio, discussing how ultimately all project costs will be charged back to agencies, but clarifying that for current BIT projects, IT project spend is being transferred to MN.IT Services.

Lastly, the committee discussed MN.IT's planning for potential reorganization of cyber-security functions within state agencies. Recognizing that the current federated model for delivery of security services leads to unacceptable risks as each agency-based office struggles to deliver the entire stack of security services, the goal of such a reorganization would be to leverage a limited security spend and limited security resources for the benefit of all state agencies by centralizing portions of the security service stack. The committee stressed the need to "raise all boats" as part of any security reorganization in order to avoid weakening the security posture of one agency for the benefit of another or for the enterprise as a whole. The committee also stressed the need to engage MN.IT employees, as well as agency leadership and business staff, in such a reorganization, in order to begin applying principles of data management and security more uniformly across the enterprise. Lastly, questions were raised about MN.IT plans for future bonding requests and for pursuing funding to fill connectivity gaps in the state network.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.